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Friday 20th March 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support and cooperation this week as we have worked together to manage the situation we are currently in. From Monday 23rd March, our school will close to all pupils except for children of critical key workers, the most vulnerable and those with Education, Health and Care Plans, and will not open until further notice. Please note that the provision we are able to offer only applies to families where both parents are identified as critical key workers or single parent families are identified as critical key workers.

Please, therefore, follow these five key principles:

1. If it is at all possible for children to be at home, then they should be.
2. If a child needs specialist support, is vulnerable or has a parent who is a critical worker, then educational provision will be available for them.
3. Parents should not rely for childcare upon those who are advised to be in the stringent social distancing category such as grandparents, friends, or family members with underlying conditions.
4. Parents should also do everything they can to ensure children are not mixing socially in a way which can continue to spread the virus. They should observe the same social distancing principles as adults.
5. Residential special schools, boarding schools and special settings continue to care for children wherever possible.

We are committed to do everything we can to stay open for children of critical key workers and for our most vulnerable children. If you qualify as a critical key worker, you must be one of the following:

- Health & Social Care
- Education & Childcare
- Key Public Services
- Local & National Government
- Food & Other Necessary Goods
- Public Safety & National Security
- Transport
- Utilities.



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- Communication & Financial Services

For further details on which roles qualify under these headings, please refer to the government website [Government website link](#)

If you are a critical key worker and need to register for our childcare provision from Monday, please complete the following questionnaire by 3.00pm today (Friday 20th March) [Critical Worker Questionnaire](#)

The childcare provision for these children will be from 8.30am - 3.20pm each day. Before and after school provision will also be available for these children, but is chargeable as usual. All children will need to bring their own packed lunch, unless they qualify for a free school meal. A separate email will be sent to all parents/carers of children eligible for free school meals to explain how these will be provided.

Once we have information about who will be attending from Monday next week, we will send out detailed information about where the childcare provision will take place and what the provision will involve to those attending. Please note that if you are not registered to attend the childcare on offer, a drop in service will not be available.

For all our families who are now at home from the end of the day on Friday, we are providing activities for your children to access remotely from home as explained in my letter on Wednesday. Please see your child's class page on our school website for more information. <https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/classes> If school remains closed for a longer period of time, we will implement other methods of remote learning activities and communication, so please do look out for further information about this via the website and school app.

We appreciate this is going to be a challenging time for us all, so do take extra care and work together to support each other as families wherever you can. Please remember that there are other services out there to support you too, details of which are available on the family support and guidance page on our website <https://www.beaverroad.org.uk/page/support-for-parents/63088>

Best wishes,

Liz Hardy

Headteacher